

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Kenai (City of)****Project Title:**

Kenai (City of) - Log Cabin Historical Site - Community Playground

State Funding Requested: \$ 7,500**House District: 33 - Q**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Construction of a small residential playground near the Kenai Log Cabin Historical Site.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$20,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$9,500	FY08				
Other					\$3,000	FY09
Total	\$9,500				\$3,000	

*Explanation of Other Funds:**Local private contributions and grants***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

After conducting several interviews to determine public interest and support, the project funding request was put forth.

It would entail a playground to be built adjacent to the Log Cabin Historical Site. The Kenai Historical Society is scheduled to relocate and restore five log cabins starting in the spring of 2008; this major project has partial funding and widespread community support from the Kenai and Soldotna area. In conjunction with this project, The City of Kenai has planned and partially funded a small residential playground. This playground will greatly benefit the residents of the surrounding apartments, as well as the many tourists who will visit the new historical site.

Mr. Bob Frates, Director of the City of Kenai Parks & Recreation Department, expressed that the City of Kenai has allotted \$9500 for this project. In addition to local and State funds, private local grants and in kind donations will be secured.

Project Timeline:

Upon notification of inclusion in the capital budget, the project will be bid and purchased/ constructed within two years.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Kenai

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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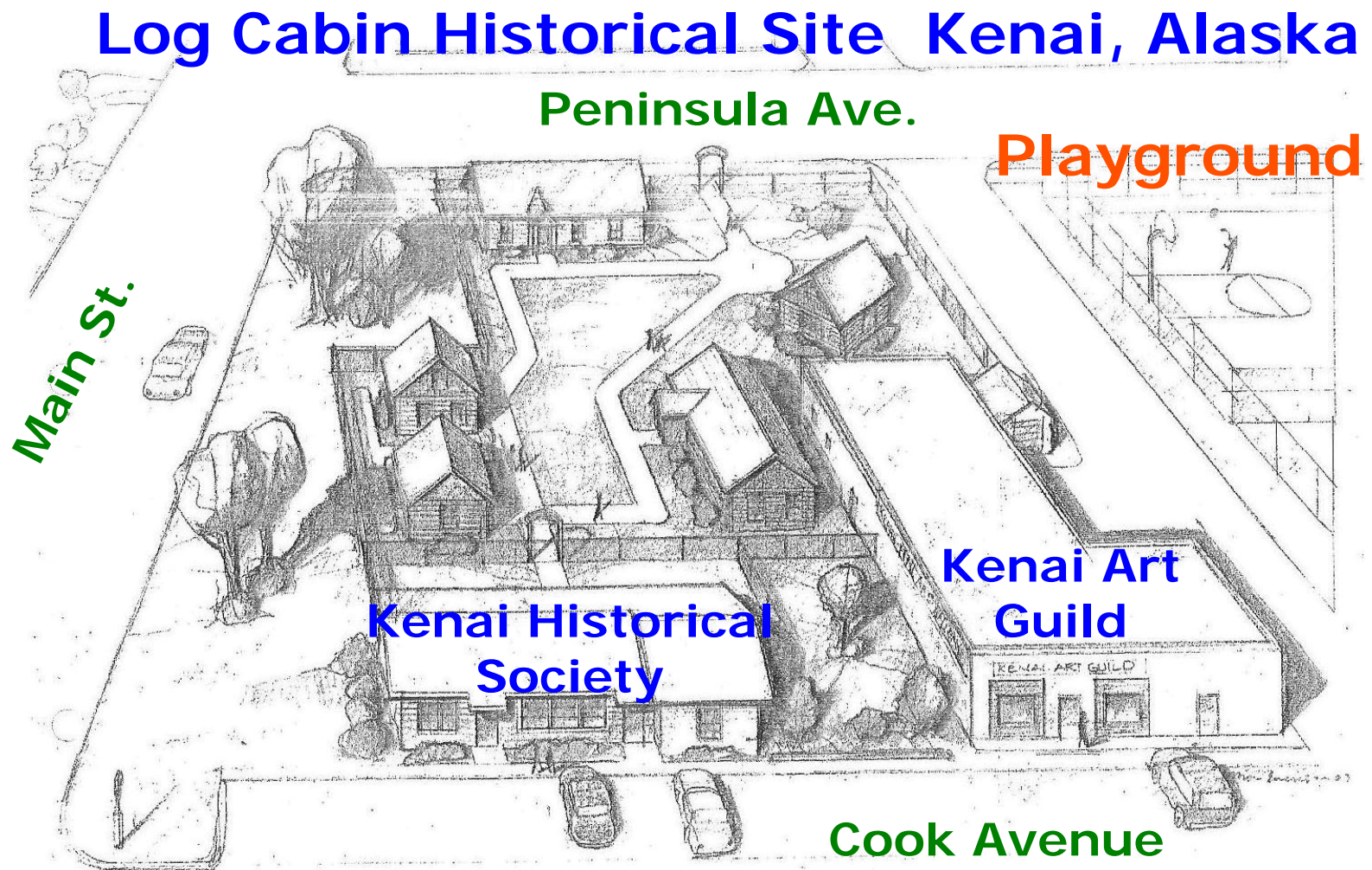
Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Local Project

Playground adjacent to the New
Kenai Log Cabin Historical Site

For my local project I asked members of my community if there were any needs or problems. After conducting several interviews, the project that peaked my interest, was the playground to be built adjacent to the Log Cabin Historical Site. The Kenai Historical Society is scheduled to relocate and restore five log cabins starting in the spring of 2008; this major project has partial funding and widespread community support from the Kenai and Soldotna area. In conjunction with this project, The City of Kenai has planned and partially funded a small residential playground. This playground will greatly benefit the residents of the surrounding apartments, as well as the many tourists who will visit the new historical site.

This is an artistic rendition of the Log Cabin Historical Site. It will be build to the north of the Kenai Historical Society and the Kenai Art Guild. The playground will be built to the east.



For help on this project I spoke with Mr. Bob Frates, director of the City of Kenai Parks & Recreation Department, He told me that the city of Kenai has allotted \$9500 for this project, and that we may also raise another \$3000 from other sources, but the funds needed to build a sufficient sized playground for this community would be approximately \$20,000. This money would cover the costs of the playground itself, shipping, excavation, installation, and any needed accessories.

After researching many different playgrounds both in catalogs and online, I selected a small number of viable options which I will present to Mr. Frates. We will then choose a few playgrounds that will fit the needs of this community. We will present these to the community at a town forum to let the residents decide which one they will support. Here is an example of the type of playground we have selected.

Choice®

Cambridge Lakes (Bayfield
Neighborhood),
Pingree Grove, Illinois

*"Very good
response—*



We would like to submit a request of \$7500 to the State of Alaska for the funding required for this project. We would also be happy to accept any private donations from individuals. With this money and some help from local businesses and volunteers we are confident that we will be able to complete this project as planned. Thank you for your time and attention, it was a great pleasure to speak with you today.

Name: Michael Dunn Grade: 10th

School District: Galena City School District School: IDEA Community: Soldotna/Kenai

Step 1: Identify Need

Our Local Project Problem Statement is: The Kenai Historical Society is scheduled to relocate and restore five log cabins; this major project has partial funding and complete community support from the Kenai and Soldotna Area. In conjunction with this project, The City of Kenai has planned and partially funded a small residential playground. This playground will greatly benefit the residents of the surrounding apartments, as well as the many tourists who will visit the new historical site.

Step 2: Investigate. (State briefly how you have contributed to the team investigation.) After conducting several interviews, the project that peaked my interest, was the playground to be built adjacent to the Log Cabin Historical Site. I am working with Mr. Bob Frates who is the director of the City of Kenai Parks & Recreation Department.

Step 3 & 4: Select and Develop a Plan

Our Project Plan is: To build a small residential playground for the nearby residents and the many tourists who will visit the new Log Cabin Historical Site.

Step 5: Implement (Describe the ways you have contributed or will contribute to the implementation of your plan.) After researching many different playgrounds both in catalogs and online, I selected a small number of viable options which I will present to Mr. Frates. We will then choose a few playgrounds that will fit the needs of this community. Then we will present these to the community at a town forum to let the residents decide which one they will support.